



June 9, 2023

Dear Members of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission:

I write to you today in support of Lt. Robert Thiel's promotion to Captain in the Milwaukee Police Department.

For the last 19 years, Robert Thiel has served our community through the Milwaukee Police Department with over five of those years spent as the District One dayshift commander. Through his work to find mental health care and shelter for the homeless, solve issues like car theft and vandalism, and address other public nuisances, Lt. Thiel has directly contributed to a safe, positive overall visitor experience enjoyed by millions of visitors to Milwaukee every year.

In our work with Lt. Thiel, we have observed him as an eager collaborator with patience and wisdom that have earned him the respect of many in the Greater Milwaukee community. Throughout his nearly two decades of service, he has proven himself a dedicated public servant, a committed member of the Milwaukee community and an outstanding ambassador for our city.

Lt. Thiel's poise, courage and drive ensures that Milwaukee's downtown area is an inviting, welcoming and safe space for all residents and visitors. In his new role as Captain, he will continue to help improve our city for many years to come.

I strongly encourage you to promote Lt. Robert Thiel to the rank of Captain in the Milwaukee Police Department. I hope you'll agree that he is a perfect fit for this role, and I would welcome a conversation about him anytime.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Williams-Smith", written over a circular blue scribble.

Peggy Williams-Smith
President and CEO,
VISIT Milwaukee

